

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS  
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on  
September 7, 2016  
In the Office of the Board of Ethics  
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364  
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Linda Spahr, Richard Halverson, Anthony Parlatore and Eric Kopp. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Mohlmann, Board Secretary, taking minutes.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Linda Spahr. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the agenda, as amended to add one advisory opinion standing vote to Executive Session and review of adopted minutes of August 3, 2016 for clarification of prior Board directives. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by Linda Spahr to adopt the minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

The Board reviewed the previously adopted minutes of August 3, 2016 and determined that no clarification was needed.

Public Session: Linda Spahr opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Linda Spahr closed Public Session.

Chair Report: Linda Spahr will not be present at the first January 2017 Board meeting.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and/or discussed the following:

- Letters regarding outstanding fines have been sent;
- Fall 2016 All-Employee Ethics Training tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Legislative Auditorium in Smithtown;
- Judicial Hearing Officer contract drafted and being finalized; fees, lodging, and indemnification;
  - Funds will be transferred to cover contract;
- Article of Interest;
  - “Brooklyn DA to Pay \$15,000 Fine for Violating Conflict-of-Interest Law” “...by using office funds to pay for his meals and having members of his security detail use their own money for food purchases.”
- NYS Supreme Court Case 2016; Federal bribery charges;
  - Narrowed definition of an “official act;”
- County Executive Budget Office requested a copy of the Board’s General Counsel Contract.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Eric Kopp to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to one hearing, one NOV withdrawal, seven Financial Disclosure Statements, three Advisory Opinion requests, one disclosure, one miscellaneous follow-up correspondence, one Board Investigation update and Counsel Updates in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

During Executive Session:

Hearing Index No. FDS 140/2015 was adjourned.

A motion was made:

- To withdraw Notice of Violation No. FDS 152/2015. Tabled;
- To approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2016-16. Adjourned;
- To approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2016-17. Approved (4-0-0);
- To approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2016-19. Approved (4-0-0).

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A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Eric Kopp, to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

New Business: None.

The next meeting of the Board will be held September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0) (10:40 a.m.).